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case of a fantasy, a pure romance, or a mystery story, this illusion of life must be sustained. A factory-made novel, turned out by machinery, cannot possibly stand the acid test.

But in this the Western novel is not in a

class by itself. It must be judged by the same standards as the novel of the East or of the South, of Paris or Boston or London. Insofar as it is a true picture of life it succeeds. Where it misses truth it fails.

REPORTS OF SECRETARY, TREASURER, TRUSTEES OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS,
PUBLISHING BOARD AND COMMITTEES, 1919-20.

The two years following the signing of the Armistice constitute a period of readjustment for the American Library Association.

In June, 1919, the fighting had been over for seven months; but the A. L. A. War Service was not over. It was still serving soldiers, sailors and marines in all parts of the world. It was beginning to serve directly and indirectly the discharged men. It was providing reading matter for the service men in hospitals, for men on United States Shipping Board vessels, for some industrial war work communities, and was putting books into Braille, grade 1½, for the war blind.

On November 1, 1919, the Government took over the library work for the soldiers in continental United States; for the Navy and marine corps throughout the world.

With the approval of the Committee of Eleven (United War Work Committee) certain A. L. A. War Service funds (\$105,970), were turned over to the Army and Navy for library purposes; and the budget for the several hundred thousand dollars remaining (about \$800,000 as of Jan. 1) provided for service to—

Discharged soldiers, sailors and marines,
The war blind,

Certain industrial war work communities,

United States Shipping Board vessels
and other merchant marine vessels,

Public Health Service hospitals,

Ex-service men in civilian hospitals,

Lighthouses and lightships,

Coast Guard stations,

Paris Headquarters and troops outside
of continental United States.

The attention of many people was directed to library work during the war, and

many men developed a reading and library habit. It was inevitable that new demands would be made upon the American Library Association because of these facts. How the Association should meet these new demands has been discussed in the Secretary's Report for 1919, in the President's address at the Asbury Park Conference, in no end of committee reports, public meetings, and articles in library periodicals. Naturally there has been some difference of opinion among members as to what should be done. Apparently all believe, however, that the Association should do something more than it has been able to do in the past.

Whether it is to do much or little, whether it is to put itself in a position to give the advisory assistance that can reasonably be expected of it, to issue the publications it ought to issue, and to promote the development of libraries and librarianship through sustained publicity; or whether it is always to be handicapped as in the past for want of funds—these things will be decided within the next few weeks.

The Association has an opportunity which it has never had before. Magazines and newspapers have been generous in their publicity, and prominent men and women throughout the country have readily agreed that there is a big work we should do in promoting library development and the use of books during the next few years.

The Secretary believes the members of the Library Association and the members of the library profession generally feel this demand for a larger service, and that they will, by promoting the appeal for funds, make possible a very great extension of the Association's work.

Secretaryship: Mr. George B. Utley,

for nine years the efficient secretary of the association, resigned his office April 15 to become Librarian of the Newberry Library, Chicago. Mr. Utley's service to the library profession is too well known and too fully recognized by all members of the association to make necessary any comment thereon.

The present secretary was appointed on the same date and immediately assumed office. His duties in connection with the Enlarged Program necessitated his temporary residence in New York so the Chicago Headquarters were placed for a limited time in charge of the assistant secretary, Sarah C. N. Bogle (appointment effective April 22, 1920).

Until December first the retiring secretary spent most of the year in Washington, where his duties as secretary of the Library War Service occupied the major part of his time.

Headquarters: In the report for last year the Executive Secretary clearly defined a few of the immediate specific needs of the Association. The demands of the present year have but intensified these needs and added new ones to them. The resources of the Headquarters office have been taxed to the utmost and only the efficiency and unflinching devotion of the assistant secretary, Miss Eva M. Ford, and of Miss Brigham have made possible the accomplishment which the year shows.

The awakening of library interest throughout the nation naturally is strongly evidenced at this point of concentration. Inquiries and requests for assistance have been embarrassingly numerous but none have gone without some response. All the routine work has, of course, increased correspondingly.

Chicago Public Library: The Secretary, for the Association, desires to acknowledge the continued generosity of the Chicago Public Library in providing Headquarters with free space, light, heat and service. The courtesies extended by the Librarian and his staff do much to facilitate the work of this office. It would have been impossible even to this time to have done without a special Association library,

had it not been for the liberal attitude of the Library staff towards the needs of the office.

Membership: No campaign has been carried on during the year but there has been a small increase in membership as shown in the following tabulation:

Handbook, 1919 recorded membership	4,178
New members recorded since printing of Handbook, 1919 (Jan. 1 to May 10, 1920):	
Institutional members	13
Annual personal members:	
Trustees	2
Librarians and assistants.....	224
Life members (previously annual members)	6
Life members (new).....	2
Total	247

The largest number reported from any one staff is from that of the Public Library, Fort Wayne, Ind., 10 new members, and the second largest is from the Public Library, Birmingham, Alabama, 8 new members.

The Library schools show the following new memberships:

New York State Library School.....	18
Western Reserve Library School.....	10
Atlanta (Ga.) Carnegie Library School.	7

The Geographical distribution of the 247 added members is as follows:

Alabama	11	Missouri	5
California	9	Montana	1
Colorado	7	Nebraska	3
Delaware	1	New Jersey.....	7
Dist. of Columbia.	1	New York.....	44
Florida	1	North Dakota....	2
Georgia	8	Ohio	21
Idaho	1	Oregon	3
Illinois	26	Pennsylvania	13
Indiana	19	Rhode Island....	1
Iowa	5	South Carolina...	2
Kansas	1	South Dakota....	2
Kentucky	3	Texas	2
Maryland	3	Washington	3
Massachusetts ...	11	Wisconsin	7
Michigan	12	Hawaii	1
Minnesota	6	Canada	3
Mississippi	1	China	1

With more time to devote to recruiting, the membership can be largely increased. The resultant publicity from the Enlarged Program activities is bringing many inquiries as to the benefit of membership in the A. L. A.

Publicity: Merely keeping up with the work day by day has required all the time of the office staff and no publicity has been attempted, other than the usual calling of attention to the publications and responding to inquiries from organizations and individuals. In this also should be included the addresses that have been made before clubs, educational institutions and various associations.

From the enormous number of demands properly made upon Headquarters during the year the extent of the publicity of the Library War Service and the activities of the Enlarged Program staff can be readily determined. The best publicity for the future lies in the competent meeting of these demands and the following up adequately of the work begun and the interest aroused. The letters received in one day would go a long way toward answering any question as to the need for immediate and far-reaching expansion.

Addresses, Lectures, and Library Meetings: The retiring secretary arranged for addresses before nine teachers' associations in eight different states and before fifteen library meetings in the same number of states.

Five of the addresses were made by him and he attended in addition the meeting of the New York State Library Association and such other meetings as his secretaryship necessitated.

Publishing Board: The report of the Publishing Board is given elsewhere. The regular work of handling sales has taken much of the time of Headquarters staff. The need of new publications has been noted and reported to the Board from time to time, and the necessary preliminary work of contemplated publications has been carried on.

Necrology: The Association lost by death during the year seventeen members.

Their loss is deeply regretted by their fellow members. Their number includes one ex-president, Mr. Charles Henry Gould, two life members, Miss Mary E. Hawley and Miss Mary Frances Isom, and two honorary members, Bishop John H. Vincent and Mr. Andrew Carnegie. While Mr. Carnegie never attended a conference, his influence and generosity made possible many of the accomplishments not only of the Association but also those of many of its individual members. In his death the American Library Association and "the free public libraries of the English-speaking world were indeed deprived of their staunchest and most munificent friend."

Miss Isom's death removed one of the most potential forces in the library world. To professional qualifications possessed by but few Miss Isom added "rare personal gifts, broad human sympathies, penetrating insight into character, magnetism, creative power and a joyous sense of humor."

Mr. Gould possessed in a marked degree true scholarship, kindness, modesty, gentleness and real sincerity, so that the library world has lost much in his going from it.

The following were members at the time of their death:

Carnegie, Andrew, died August 11, 1919.
Honorary member.

Caswell, E. A., died June 25, 1919.

Davis, Raymond C., librarian, emeritus, University of Michigan Library, died June 10, 1919.

Gould, Charles Henry, librarian, McGill University library, Montreal, Canada, died July 30, 1919.

Hawley, Mary Elizabeth, assistant cataloger, John Crerar Library, Chicago, Illinois, died Jan. 1, 1920. Life member.

Isom, Mary Frances, librarian, Portland Library Association, died April 15, 1920. Life member.

Kidder, Mrs. Ida Angeline, librarian, Oregon Agricultural College Library, Corvallis, Oregon, died Feb. 29, 1920.

King, James L., librarian, Kansas State Library, Topeka, Kansas, died Oct. 20, 1919.

Lemcke, Ernst, importer and bookseller, New York City, died July 8, 1919.

Lockwood, John S., librarian agent, Library Bureau, Boston, Massachusetts, died Jan. 30, 1920.

McLenegan, Charles E., librarian, Public Library, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, died March 17, 1920.

Owen, Thomas McAdory, director, Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama, died March 25, 1920.

Remann, Henry C., librarian, Lincoln Library, Springfield, Illinois, died Feb. 26, 1920.

Roden, Mrs. Carl B., wife of the librarian of the Chicago Public Library, died August 13, 1919.

Sachse, Julius, librarian, Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, died November 14, 1919.

Scholefield, Ethelburt O. S., librarian of the Provincial Library, Victoria, B. C., died December 25, 1919.

Vincent, Bishop John H., died May 9, 1920. Honorary member.

The following persons had formerly belonged to the Association, although not members at the time of their death:

Blair, Irene E., librarian, Public Library, Sedalia, Missouri, died April 29, 1919.

Bliss, Richard, formerly librarian, Redwood Library, Newport, Rhode Island, died Jan. 7, 1920.

Burns, William Savage, trustee of Davenport library, Bath, Maine, died May 2, 1919.

Calkins, Mary Jane, formerly librarian of Public Library, Racine, Wisconsin, died November 24, 1919.

Cattell, Miss Sarah W., died January 2, 1920.

Cunningham Mrs. Jesse (Else Miller), wife of the librarian of the Public Library, St. Joseph, Missouri, died December 21, 1919.

Cutter, Mrs. William Parker, died in 1920. Hahn, Mrs. Katherine A., formerly librarian of Stout Institute Library, Menominee, Wisconsin, died Oct. 2, 1919.

Johnston, Dunkin V., formerly reference librarian, New York State Library, died December 22, 1919.

Miner, Mrs. A. B. (Sarah H.), died Feb. 23, 1920.

Rice, Mrs. David Hall, died March 2, 1920.

Ryan, Mary E., assistant, Public Library, Chicago, died February 7, 1919.

Solberg, Mrs. Thorvald, died March 7, 1920.

Trumbull, Jonathan, historian and librarian, Otis Library, Norwich, Connecticut, died May 22, 1919.

To the above are added the records, not obtainable at the time of their death, of two former members:

Beeken, Mrs. Lewis Lazelle (Kate Keith), formerly Children's librarian, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died in 1914.

Moore, Mrs. George Albert (Mabel Ethelind Scripps), Children's librarian, Christopher House Settlement, Chicago, died in 1912.

The incoming Secretary desires to express his appreciation of the excellent state in which he found all the affairs of the office and also of the ready assistance so graciously given him by Mr. Utley and the staff.

Respectfully submitted.

CARL H. MILAM,
Secretary.

May 7, 1920.